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DIST: 18 JUNE 1983
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA
SUBJ: ALLEGED RESPONSIBILITY OF AN ARGENTINE ARMY UNIT FOR THE ATTACK ON A U.S. EMBASSY VEHICLE

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2. [redacted] A PARAMILITARY UNIT CALLED THE "PUMA GROUP", [redacted] CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK ON A U.S. EMBASSY EVEICLE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 14 JUNE. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) [redacted] THE ACTION HAD BEEN ORDERED BY "THE ARMY" (SIC), AND IT WAS SPECIFICALLY TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARGENTINE SURRENDER IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. [redacted] THIS WAS AN ISOLATED ACT AND NOT THE BEGINNING OF A CAMPAIGN TO INTIMIDATE U.S. PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA. 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) 3. ([redacted] COMMENT: THE "PUMA GROUP" IS COMPOSED OF ABOUT 10 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE ARMY WHO CARRY OUT VERY SENSITIVE PARAMILITARY OR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). MEMBERS OF THE "PUMA GROUP" GENERALLY CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE PERSONS; FOR EXAMPLE, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAVE MADE THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS TO LEADERS OF THE "MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO".

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5. THE TERM "PUMA" IS VERY POPULAR AMONG RIGHT-WING, NATIONALISTIC GROUPS IN ARGENTINA; IT WAS FREQUENTLY USED BY SUCH GROUPS DURING THE ANTI-GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES O THE MID-1970'S. THERE IS A GROUP OF ABOUT 10 MEN WHO REFER TO THEMSELVES AS "PUMAS". THIS GROUP, HEADED BY A FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN, HAS SOME SORT OF CONNECTION TO THE 601ST BATTALION. IN THE PAST, THIS GROUP CARRIED OUT PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON INDIVIDUAL LEFTISTS AND BOMBED SYNAGOGUES.

6. [redacted] COMMENT:

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[redacted] THE VEHICLE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY TIMED TO AVOID ANY PERSONAL INJURIES TO U.S. PERSONNEL WAS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT IT HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY SOME RIGHT-WING GROUP.)

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